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SUBJ: RADIATION MONITORING INSTALLATION WHITE BEACH

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SUMMARY: GOJ UNABLE ACCEPT RECENT USG PROPOSAL, BUT HAS PROPOSED NEW PLAN CALLING FOR PERMANENT INSTALLATION OF FOUR PROBES, AND USE OF ONLY TWO OF THEM DURING SSN VISIT IN MANNER WHICH WILL MEET OUR SECURITY REQUIREMENT AND ASSURE MAXIMUM FLEXIBILITY IN PIER USAGE. ACTION REQUESTED: APPROVAL OF GOJ PLAN. END SUMMARY.

1. AT DEC 3 MEETING WITH FONOFF AND STA OFFICIALS, EMBOFFS EXPLAINED WHY GOJ PROPOSAL NOT ACCEPTABLE (PER PARA 2 REFTTEL) AND PRESENTED US ALTERNATE PLAN (PARA 3 REFTTEL). GOJ OFFICIALS SAID THEY APPRECIATED US POSITION BUT SAID THEY ALSO HAD
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PROBLEMS ACCEPTING US PLAN. IT CALLED FOR PUTTING PROBES

AT NOTICEABLY GREATER DISTANCES FROM SSN THAN UNDER PRESENT ARRANGEMENT. THIS WOULD BE NOTED BY PRESS AND ALMOST CERTAINLY THEREFORE BECOME PUBLIC ISSUE. GOJ OFFICIALS SAID ALSO THAT, UNDER CURRENT PRACTICE, PROBES ARE PLACED AT BOTH ENDS OF SSN'S BERTHED AT NAVY PIER, AND NOT ONLY ON SHOREWARD END AS INDICATED PARA 3A REFTTEL.

2. AFTER CONSIDERABLE DISCUSSION WITH EMBOFFS, GOJ PROPOSED NEW PLAN CONSISTING OF FOLLOWING ELEMENTS:

A. INSTALLATION OF TOTAL OF FOUR PERMANENT PROBES AT FOLLOWING LOCATIONS: (A) ON BRIDGE (CONNECTING CAUSEWAY TO MAIN PIER) AT LOCATION AT LEAST 20 METERS SHOREWARD OF SHOREWARD END OF MAIN PIER; (B) AT SEAWARD END OF FINGER PIER; (C) AT MIDPOINT ON EAST-SIDE OF MAIN PIER; AND (D) AT MIDPOINT ON WEST-SIDE OF MAIN PIER.

B. ACTIVATION OF ONLY TWO OF THESE FOUR PROBES, REGARDLESS OF NUMBER OF SSN'S BERTHED AT WHITE BEACH AT ANY GIVEN TIME.

C. IF ONE OR MORE SSN'S ARE BERTHED ONLY ON ONE SIDE OF MAIN PIER, GOJ WILL ACTIVATE PROBE (A) OR (B) WHICHEVER IS CLOSER TO THE SSN, PLUS PROBE (C) OR (D) WHICHEVER IS SITUATED ON SIDE OF PIER OPPOSITE TO SSN. SINCE MAIN PIER IS 24.4 METERS WIDE (ACCORDING TO GOJ), ACTIVATED PROBES WILL ALWAYS BE LOCATED WELL BEYOND 20 METER MINIMUM DISTANCE FROM SSN.

D. IF SSN'S ARE BERTHED ON BOTH SIDES OF PIER, GOJ WILL ACTIVATE ONLY PROBES (A) AND (B). MAIN PIER WILL BE AVAILABLE IN ITS ENTIRETY FOR BERTHING SSN'S, SINCE PROBES (A) AND (B) ARE SITUATED AT LEAST 20 METERS FROM SHOREWARD AND SEAWARD ENDS OF PIER RESPECTIVELY.

E. GOJ RECOGNIZES NEED TO COME UP WITH FOOLPROOF ARRANGEMENT FOR ACTIVATING ONLY SPECIFIED PROBES DURING SSN VISITS. SUCH ARRANGEMENT COULD, FOR EXAMPLE, CONSIST OF INSTALLING NEAR THE MONITORING VAN FOUR OUTLETS FOR EACH OF THE PROBES. EACH OUTLET COULD BE EQUIPPED WITH COVER WITH LOCK, KEYS TO WHICH WOULD BE RETAINED BY USN

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COMMANDER AT WHITE BEACH. DURING SSN VISITS, USN COMMANDER MAY KEEP UNDER LOCK OUTLETS TO PROBES WHICH ARE NOT TO BE ACTIVATED. WHETHER OR NOT THIS PARTICULAR PLAN COMMENDS ITSELF TO USG, GOJ IS WILLING TO DISCUSS SUCH SECURITY ARRANGEMENT AND SUITABLE MECHANISM WITH USN OFFICERS ON OKINAWA.

F. GOJ WISHES TO KEEP THE THREE PORTABLE PROBES (NOW IN USE) AS BACKUP PROBES FOR USE WHEN ANY OF THE PERMANENT

ONES FAIL TO OPERATE.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: RESPONSE TO GOJ PLAN IN PARA 2 ABOVE.
WE THINK THAT IT IS REASONABLE AND WORKABLE. IT FULLY MEETS
TWO OF OUR PRIMARY CONCERNS--ASSURANCE THAT PROBES WILL NOT
BE PLACED CLOSER THAN 20 METERS FROM SSN AND MAXIMUM
FLEXIBILITY IN PIER USAGE. WE RECOGNIZE THAT SECURITY OF
LOCKED MONITORING DEVICES MAY BE IMPORTANT FROM USG STANDPOINT.
IF SO, BELIEVE WE SHOULD AGREE TO EXPLORE THAT ASPECT WITH
GOJ OFFICIALS WITH A VIEW TOWARDS DEVELOPING AN ACCEPTABLE
MECHANISM. WE BELIEVE THEREFORE THAT THE GOJ PLAN MERITS
OUR APPROVAL AS BASIS FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION. SHOESMITH

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